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SUBJECT: BRIEFING GOA ON PROPOSED GNZ MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL
FACILITIES IN SINGAPORE

REF: (A) STATE 045928; (B) CANBERRA 1233

1. PARA 3 OF REF A SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION
MIGHT BRING APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF GOA UP TO DATE ON STATUS
OF PROPOSAL FOR GNZ MANAGEMENT OF NAVAL FACILITIES IN SINGAPORE.

2. WHILE EMBASSY HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH
GOA MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES, WE SUGGEST THAT BEST POINT
AT WHICH TO BRIEF AUSTRALIANS AND TO ASK FOR DETAILS OF THEIR
PLANS REGARDING SINGAPORE MIGHT BEST BE AUSTRALIAN HIGH
COMMISSION IN SINGAPORE. EMBASSY HANDLED WHAT WE CONSIDERED
ONE-TIME REQUEST FOR INFO AT WORKING LEVEL (REF B), BUT WE
HESITATE TO UNDERTAKE CONTINUING ROLE IN THIS CONNECTION,
PARTICULARLY AS GOA AND GNZ COORDINATE CLOSELY ON VIRTUALLY
ALL ISSUES, BOTH IN CANBERRA AND WELLINGTON. FURTHERMORE,
AUSTRALIAN DOD AND DFA HAVE OVER PAST YEAR OR SO BEEN ENGAGED
IN RUNNING BATTLE OVER CONTROL OF DEFENSE PLANNING. AUSTRALIANGUKROL#
E IN SINGAPORE WILL PROBABLY BE ONE OF ISSUES IN THIS
COMPETITION, AND WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO ADDRESS THE MATTER IN
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